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MEMORANDUM

Date: 1/18/07

To: Chairman Rice

Members of the Judiciary Committee

From: Linda Babcock and Carol Rae Cambianica, Teachers,

Longfellow Elementary School, Bozeman, Montana

Subject: Support for HB 239

We are concerned teachers at Longfellow Elementary School in Bozeman, MT. With this letter we testify in support of HB 239 (increased fines for speeding in school zones and a requirement to post maximum dollar amount of fine).

The speed limit in front of our neighborhood school is 15 mph. In a traffic study during the month of May in 2006, 85% of the total traffic (977 vehicles) between the hours of 8 am and 4:30 p.m. was traveling at 24.3 mph. This poses serious risk to our children.

We urge you support this bill in an attempt to further discourage motorists from speeding in school zones.

Thank you for your time and serious consideration of this bill.

Linda Babcock Carol Rae Cambianica